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DIRECTORS MEETINGS

WATER USERS' ASSUME ENTIRE GOOD WILL AND BUSINESS OF FARMERS IRRIGATED LAND CO.

The Board of Directors of the Pecos Water Users' Association have been in session almost the entire week, except Tuesday when the Board adjourned on account of the illness of Secretary Etter, and President W. B. Wilson.

A deal of much importance was consummated last Thursday night, whereby the Pecos Water Users' Association takes over the entire business and good will of the Farmers Irrigated Land Company, of Kansas City, Mo.

Manager C. F. C. Ladd, who maintained his office at 351 New Union Station, Kansas City, Missouri, was present during the entire session of the Board, and consummated a deal whereby his entire organization will begin work for the Pecos Water Users' Association on and after January 1st, 1916.

The association has made arrangements whereby commissions cannot exceed \$15.00 per acre in any sale.

The association is to handle the Carlsbad end of the business at actual cost to the farmer who sells his land; thereby cutting out the usual commission at this end of the line.

Mr. Ladd has agreed to put five traveling men in the field at once, who will devote their entire time to the sale of irrigated land under the Carlsbad project.

In addition to Mr. Ladd, Mr. F. D. Kennedy first assistant of the colonization department of the Santa Fe railroad system who is located at Kansas City, was present at the meeting of the Board, and assured the Water Users Association that the plans adopted would have the approval of his department.

Kansas City is the commercial gateway of the South West and the Water Users now have an office for their own use in the New Union Station, with Mr. C. F. C. Ladd located there as its colonization agent. This office will be open at all times to any shareholder in the Carlsbad Project, and any accommodation will be shown to people from the Carlsbad project at all times.

ROSSELL SCENE OF FATAL SHOOTING CHRISTMAS MORN.

Roswell, N. M., Dec. 29.—Roswell was the scene of a fatal shooting affray early Christmas morning, as a result of which Manuel Rubio, 27, is dead, and Lopez Gonzales, 17, is in jail.

The shooting came up as a result of a quarrel about a bon-fire near the Mexican Catholic church, built by some of the younger men who did not care to attend the midnight mass then in progress. Fisticuffs followed a search for weapons, conducted by their companions, and the matter appeared settled after Gonzales had declared himself satisfied.

Later, it is charged, Gonzales received a pistol which had been taken from him before the scuffle and turned this weapon on Rubio. His first cartridge is said to have missed fire. The bullet took effect in the eye, ranging back to the base of the brain. A second shot missed Rubio.

Tom Pendleton Sells to Huston Bros.

J. H. Graham came in yesterday in his new Buick Six, accompanied by his sons, Johnson and George, also his son-in-law, Nat Huston and Nat's brother, Harry Huston. The Huston brothers are in on a trade with Tom Pendleton who accompanied the party. Tom is selling his ranch and cattle to Nat and Harry. The cattle number about eighty head and the ranch consists of about four sections of leased land.

VILLA IS A FUGITIVE IN WESTERN CHIHUAHUA.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 28.—General Francisco Villa is a fugitive in the Guerrero district, just north of Madera, in western Chihuahua, according to the latest advices received by General Obregon today.

General Trevino, diverting his campaign northward from Chihuahua City to pursue Villa, has reached the vicinity of Madera, according to dispatches today. From George Hoard, general manager of the Madera company, Ltd., who, with 29 employees of the company, were taken prisoner at Madera and brought to Chihuahua City by Villa and then liberated on Villa's departure. Hoard was instructed to come to the border with the employees of the company.

The Guerrero district runs north and south of the Mexican Northwestern railroad, close to the Sierra Madre mountains. Its southernmost point is at Minaca and its northern boundary north of Madera. Villa is believed to be in the northern end of the district.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Federal authorities at El Paso were instructed today, to report fully on the condition of General Huerta, reported ill and anxious to get away from the surveillance of federal agents and soldiers. Unless it is shown that Huerta is seriously ill, it is probable that the department of justice will press for an indictment of neutrality violations against him, before the grand jury in San Antonio, next month.

BOYS STEAL AUTO.

Monday morning W. G. MacArthur missed the Ford from its accustomed place at his home in Carlsbad and immediately notified the sheriff's office from which several telephone and telegram messages were sent at once with the result that a couple of boys named George McClure and Jack Filtzer were arrested at Pecos, Texas, with the car in their possession, they having been compelled to stop about a half mile from Pecos on account of lack of gasoline. Deputy Gordon went down Tuesday and brought the couple up on the train. They were arraigned before Judge Richards Wednesday and Filtzer was sent to jail in default of \$1,000 bail, but McClure was bailed out by Mr. MacArthur, the owner of the stolen car, he being a friend of the McClure boy's father. It seems the boys are alleging that they only borrowed the car and intended to return it.

CARDINAL SEES SOME GOOD IN BILLY SUNDAY.

Approves Suggestion That Catholic Clergy Be Asked to Pray for Success of Baltimore Revival.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27.—With the consent of Cardinal Gibbons, the prayer meeting committee of the Billy Sunday campaign management will send a letter to the Catholic clergy of the city asking their co-operation in a prayer for the success of the Sunday campaign in Baltimore.

This announcement was made today at the meeting of the executive committee by the Rev. Dr. George C. Peck, who, with the Rev. Dr. D. E. Colt, had been appointed a committee to call on the cardinal.

The cardinal, according to Dr. Peck, said he was glad to approve Mr. Sunday's soundness of doctrine in certain great truths neglected by many modern churches and stated that he had no objection to the suggested letter being addressed to the clergy of his church.

GUY REED HOME.

Guy A. Reed came in last Friday afternoon and has been in town since putting in most of the time shaking hands with his many friends. Guy says that he feels more at home in Carlsbad than at any other place and hopes to get back here to live some day. He also says that nearly all the counties of New Mexico are making appropriations for the continuation of the New Mexico building and exhibit at San Diego for the coming year. Guy has been in charge of the building and has done good work for Eddy county during the past year even though this county made no appropriation last year, but it is hoped will do its share this year.

REED ENCOURAGED IN EFFORT TO KEEP STATE BUILDING OPEN YEAR.

Carlsbad, N. M., Dec. 29.—Guy A. Reed, commissioner of the New Mexico building at the San Diego exposition, home for the holidays, asserts much encouragement has been received for the plan of keeping the building open another year, the exposition having arranged to continue itself for that length of time.

Mr. Reed discussed the projected model of the state to be installed in the building at length.

"It is after the model in the Canadian building a Frisco that we are patterning our big wood-pulp model of the state of New Mexico," he said. "It will be about 20x27 feet, and every section of the state will be shown up to the best advantage. Mountains, valleys, forests and irrigated sections will be faithfully reproduced, and all irrigation projects, rivers, lakes, dams and artesian wells will be shown in detail. Water will flow through the rivers and irrigation canals, and out of the artesian wells; trains will run along the tracks of the railroads illustrated and a lecturer will be in constant attendance to explain everything about the state, from irrigated land to coal mining, to the visitors at the building."

LUCERO REPORTED TO BE GREATLY IMPROVED.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 29.—Advices received here today state that Antonio A. Lucero, secretary of state, taken from a train at Chicago because of illness, is much improved. Mr. Lucero was on his way to Washington to act as official interpreter for the Pan-American congress. His daughter, Miss Aurora Lucero, also on her way to Washington to act in a similar capacity, reached Chicago on a later train and is with her father.

ROSSELL PEOPLE HAVE NARROW ESCAPE WHEN AUTO TURNS SOMERSET.

Roswell, N. M., Dec. 29.—Four Roswell people, J. B. Kipling, B. Cooley, Miss Gladys Jolly and Miss Rachel Whaley had a narrow escape from death Christmas afternoon when Mr. Kipling's new roadster, in which they were speeding against another car, struck a chuck-hole and turned turtle. Kipling was badly bruised, Cooley sustained a crushed hand and the ladies sustained cuts and bruises. The car was wrecked as to body and top but the engine continued to run even after the accident.

MRS. NICHOLS ENTERTAINS.

A gay dance was enjoyed Monday evening at the club rooms when Madam Nichols entertained honoring her visiting son and his wife. A large number of the younger set danced merrily to selected numbers on the Victrola. Punch was served during the evening. The rooms were decorated with holly and mistletoe. Mrs. Nichols makes an agreeable and charming hostess for the young folks and during the night delicious coffee and chicken sandwiches refreshed the dancers at the pleasant parlor of the Sweet Shop.

SUNDAY DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones entertained their family, Mr. and Mrs. Benton Gordon, Bill Lusk, Will Fenton and wife, Joe Lusk and wife and Harry Hubbard, with one of those turkey dinners that is done to a turn, and all the good things that go with it.

SANTAS NARROW ESCAPE.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brainard, (at the flume) the three Dickson brothers and their families had gathered for a grand and joyous for all. A beautiful Christmas tree was arranged in the living room by the ladies and a glorious good time anticipated by old and young. The tree was bedecked with many beautiful presents. Santa arrived in the usual way, covered with snow and mist on his spectacles and in some unknown way while lighting the candles his costume caught on fire in trying to put out the flames fire was scattered to various parts of the room. Santa Clause and perhaps the house would have burned had not Mr. Ben Dickson, who is an old navy scout, took complete charge of things and certainly made a demonstration of coolness and bravery in time of danger and under his directions Johnnie and Hugh, Mr. Henry Dickson, A. O. and W. C. Brainard and John Thompson worked faithfully pulling out fire and Santa escaped. But in Santa's escape he collided with Mr. Roy Dickson, who got his hair badly singed and hands seriously burned. While the men were working so faithfully the women and children were doing the usual amount of screaming and crying Santa was finally captured and his wounds carefully attended to by Mrs. W. C. Brainard and they journeyed onward, but poor Mrs. Santa, who was completely fatigued, fell by the way side and Mrs. Henry Dickson acted the good Samaritan and took them in for the night. While Mrs. Ben goes smiling on, claiming a hero and bravest of Knights for a husband.

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DISTRICT COURT.

District court will convene in Carlsbad, Monday, January 10, Judge Richardson presiding. The following is a list of the grand and petit juries as drawn, most of whom have been served:

GRAND JURY—1916 TERM.

1. G. M. Boyd, Jr., Lakewood.
2. D. D. Noel, Otis.
3. R. P. Hanson, Carlsbad.
4. C. N. Jones, Carlsbad.
5. Van Loughlin, Monument.
6. F. E. Fite, Hope.
7. A. W. Austin, Pearl.
8. William Daugherty, Artesia.
9. Bert Leck, Carlsbad.
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11. R. J. Toffinire, Carlsbad.
12. D. A. McCollum, Queen.
13. Hamp Eaves, Lovington.
14. Reed Brainard, Artesia.
15. R. L. Cole, Hope.
16. C. J. Wilde, Artesia.
17. P. F. McCoy, Artesia.
18. P. V. Pardon, Artesia.
19. A. O. Horner, Artesia.
20. Abe Connor, Lakewood.
21. W. W. Hardin, Hope.
22. W. F. Holloman, Artesia.
23. Jacob J. Schmidt, Carlsbad.
24. E. H. Stevens, Artesia.
25. O. N. McClay, Artesia.
26. W. L. Tomlinson, Knowles.
27. Geo. M. Cooke, Carlsbad.

PETIT JURY—1916 TERM.

1. W. H. Drake, Artesia.
2. J. O. Richards, Artesia.
3. H. M. Chilcoat, Carlsbad.
4. A. J. Parker, Artesia.
5. Earl Hardin, Monument.
6. J. T. Wilcox, Knowles.
7. R. T. Murray, Artesia.
8. J. H. McCrary, Artesia.
9. W. S. Beck, Lovington.
10. John Teel, Hope.
11. G. W. Fullingim, Carlsbad.
12. G. A. Fanning, Hope.
13. R. N. Teel, Hope.
14. E. A. Arnold, Lovington.
15. J. J. Harper, Lovington.
16. E. Richardson, Lovington.
17. W. P. Byard, Monument.
18. J. D. Boyd, Monument.
19. J. W. Berry, Dayton.
20. H. C. Sands, Carlsbad.
21. F. G. Snow, Carlsbad.
22. W. F. Kruse, Artesia.
23. V. E. Fatheree, Artesia.
24. Henry Collins, Carlsbad.
25. Arthur J. Linn, Carlsbad.
26. C. J. Walter, Carlsbad.
27. A. O. Cowan, Artesia.
28. O. N. Blair, Lovington.
29. L. C. Lovejoy, Knowles.
30. J. T. Collins, Artesia.
31. Arthur Forehand, Malaga.
32. Earl Bigler, Artesia.
33. C. S. Grammar, Queen.
34. W. G. Force, Loving.
35. Albert Blake, Artesia.
36. Wells Benson, Carlsbad.

Same Old Game
With the exception of overlooking there are many new ways of doing old things. Chicago News
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TERRORS OF NORTH

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

Signet Chapter No. 9, Royal Arch Masons, at a special convocation held Thursday evening, December 30, 1915, installed the following to their respective offices for the ensuing year: Past High Priest C. H. McLenathan acted as installing officer.

High priest, Chas. A. May.
King, L. S. Crawford.
Scribe, W. A. Moore.
Treasurer, J. N. Livingston.
Secretary, Victor L. Minter.
Capt. H. C. D. Rickman.
Prin. Soj. R. A. Hunsick.
R. A. Capt., F. W. Pratt.
M 3rd V., W. A. Craig.
M 2nd V., R. M. Thorne.
M 1st V., E. P. Hanson.
Sentinel, W. G. Brown.

ODDFELLOWS TO INSTALL.

Eddy Lodge No. 21, Independent Order of Odd Fellows will install officers for the semi-annual term, on Tuesday evening, January 4, 1916, L. E. Hayes, district deputy grand master, acting as the installing officer.

The elective officers for the ensuing term are as follows:
Noble Grand, Robert A. Hunsick.
Vice Grand, J. Bert Leck.
Secretary, Victor L. Minter.
Treasurer, Wm. A. Craig.
The appointive officers will be named at the next meeting.
After the installation ceremony, refreshments will be served and all members and visiting brethren are invited to be present.

GONZALES ARRAIGNED.

Monday's Roswell News.

Lopez Gonzales was arraigned in Judge Bell's court this afternoon on the charge of having killed Manuel Rubio early Saturday morning. Upon complaint of District Attorney K. K. Scott this morning, Pedro Barrera was committed to jail as an accessory to the act, it having developed in the proceedings at the inquest that Barrera had furnished the Gonzales with his gun shortly before the killing. Barrera, on the witness stand this morning, declared that he was not even present at the killing, before or after. A charge of perjury was also filed against Elicio Kimbrel in connection with the killing, this Mexican also swearing that he was nowhere in the vicinity of the scene of the killing when it took place. Kimbrel was also ordered to jail. Creditable witnesses proved that Barrera and Kimbrel were present and eye witnesses to the killing. Gonzales entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned this afternoon. His hearing was set for Thursday morning at 9 o'clock and bail placed at \$10,000 which he has been unable to give. The accessory and perjury charges will come up for hearing Thursday, bail in these cases being placed at \$2,000 each.

Attorney J. M. Dillard left for Roswell yesterday to represent the defendant, Lopez Gonzales at the preliminary hearing.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

Notice is hereby given that the tax-assessor of Eddy county will be in the following places on the dates mentioned below:

Malaga, January 10.
Loving, January 11 and 12.
Lakewood, January 13 and 14.
Dayton, January 15.
Hope, January 17, 18, 19, 20.
Artesia, January 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29.
Failure to render property will subject the same to penalty of 20 percent. Property owners and agents are requested to meet the assessor on the dates mentioned.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE PECOS WATER USERS ASSOCIATION:

You are hereby notified that the general election of the Pecos Water Users' Association will be held at the office of the corporation in the town of Carlsbad, New Mexico, on Tuesday, January 18th, 1916.

Said election will begin at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. and close at the hour of 3 o'clock P. M. On this day there will be elected:
One director from the Carlsbad District for a term of 3 years.
One Director from the Otis district for a term of 3 years.
One Director from the Loving District for a term of 3 years.
And in addition there will be elected one director from the Loving District for the unexpired term of one year.
One director from the Malaga District for the unexpired term of 2 years.

The vacancy in the Loving district will complete the appointed term of W. E. Rose and the vacancy of the Malaga District will complete the appointed term of J. A. Hartshorn.
The Judges of said election as appointed by the Board of Directors are:
C. F. Pardue, Loving.
Chas. Gerlach, Malaga.
W. H. Merchant, La Huerta.
The clerks of said election as appointed are:
Henry Tipton, Otis.
Walter Craft, Carlsbad.

SCOTT ETTER, Secretary.
31-Dec-3 Pecos Water Users' Assn.
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RAIN, HAIL, SNOW, HEAVY THUNDER AND LIGHTNING VISIT NEW YORK.

To Add to Weirdness of Storm Gale, Blowing Ninety Miles an Hour, Swoops Down Upon Terrified City.

SEVEN DEATHS DUE TO ELEMENTAL PHENOMENON

Much Damage is Done to Small Craft in Bay and on Nearby Coast; Rail Traffic is Delayed.

New York, Dec. 26.—One of the weirdest storms the east has seen in many years—rain, hail and snow, accompanied by thunder and lightning and a gale that reached a maximum velocity of ninety miles an hour—descended from the northwest early today as the aftermath of a Christmas fog. It indirectly caused seven deaths in this city, carried down telegraph wires, damaged shipping, crippled railroad traffic and caused considerable property damage.

The phenomenon of thunder and lightning in the midst of a driving snow awakened New Yorkers at the height of the storm about 7 o'clock this morning. A gale from the south accompanied by rain had been blowing during the night but the temperature dropped during the early morning hours, changing the rain to hail and then to snow. The local weather bureau reported a total precipitation of 5.2 inches, of which 2.8 was snow.

Twenty-five persons aboard fifteen canal boats driven ashore off Sandy Hook, were rescued by the coast guard crew at that point. Those saved included the wives and children of the boat captains. James O'Neil, in command of one of the boats, was knocked into the sea by a flying board and drowned.

A large in tow of the tug Seneca from Norfolk for New England ports sprang a leak and sank twelve miles east of Arthur's lightship. Seven barges loaded with automobiles sank in the East river.

The deaths in the city resulting from the gale all occurred this morning while the blinding snow storm was at its height. A fireman was fatally injured while responding to an alarm. A woman was run over by a street car. Another woman collapsed and died in the street while battling against the gale on her way to church.

A flagman at Totenville, Staten Island, was blown in front of a train and killed instantly. A bicyclist riding in a heavy rain this morning ran into an automobile at Mincola and was fatally injured. His wife who was riding with him also suffered injuries from which she may die. An aged man fell on an icy pavement in Newark and died of a fractured skull on his way to a hospital. Scores of persons were more or less seriously injured.

PIERCE STORM STRIKES NEW ENGLAND STATES.

Boston, Dec. 26.—A gale which carried snow and rain at a velocity of seventy miles an hour damaged electric wire circuits, levelled chimneys, unroofed buildings and uprooted trees in this city and many other parts of New England today.

A British schooner, Mayflower, disabled by the gale, was in precarious position near the breakers off Cape Ann tonight and it was feared that she will be pounded to pieces. The members of her crew were rescued by coast guards.

In Manchester, N. H., and Lewiston, Bangor and Portland, Me., the storm interrupted traffic on suburban railway lines and telegraph and telephone communication was crippled for a time.

Rhode Island also felt the effects of the storm severely, much damage being caused to property along the shores of Narragansett bay.

Damage to telegraph lines was reported in Vermont. A heavy rain was followed by snow which reached a depth of eight inches in that state.

HEAVY SNOWSTORM IN COLORADO CAPITAL.

Denver, Dec. 26.—Snow which began falling early today, continued through the day and at an early hour tonight was still adding to the four inches then on the ground.

Many of the Denver churches today carried out Christmas programs, with special music and services.

HUERTA REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL AS RESULT OF BEING KEPT PRISONER.

El Paso, Dec. 27.—General Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, is seriously ill for the second time recently, and was removed today from his prison home at Fort Bliss to the residence of his wife down town. His guards remain with him. The nature of his illness is not stated, but is attributed largely to his confinement.

Albert Ares spent Christmas in town, visiting with his brothers Louie, Fred and Calvin, who were here a few days. Fred and Calvin returned Monday to the Military Institute, but Louie let the lagrippe get hold of him and he has been quite ill at the Anderson sanitarium all this week. Albert treated himself to one of Milton Smith's best Victrolas and will entertain with dancing at the ranch, night after it is safe home.